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SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT TO PORT SAID, 5 JUNE 1978

1. RECENT CONVERSATION OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF EGYPTIAN NAVY WITH ALUSNA CONFIRMS THAT YOUR INVITATION FOR PRES SADAT TO VISIT HARKNESS DURING CEREMONIES FOR THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CANAL REOPENING WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AT ALL LEVELS INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, WHAT WAS FIRST PLANNED AS A MILITARY SHOW WITH SADAT IN ADMIRAL'S ATTIRE WAS RECAST TO STRESS THE CIVILIAN ROLE IN CANAL AREA RECOVERY AND SADAT DID NOT EVEN VISIT UNITS OF EG NAVY, CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON IMPROVEMENTS IN CARGO HANDLING, RECONSTRUCTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE PORT CONCEPT IN PORT SAID. OF COURSE AN EXCELLENT RECLAIMER COULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE NON-MILITARY ASPECT OF THE HARKNESS MISSION, BUT TIME AND POOR COMMUNICATIONS MADE THAT A NON-STARTER.

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2. YOUR EFFORTS AND WILLINGNESS TO READY YOUR SHIP FOR A POTENTIAL VISIT BY PRESIDENT SADAT WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE THE VISIT DID NOT OCCUR. SIGNED HERMANN FREDERICK EILTS. UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR.

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